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LOK SABHA

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SUPPORT PRICE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any requests from the State Governments to declare/fix support price for some agricultural produce like coconut, rubber etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The Government received a proposal from State Government of Kerala forfixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rubber. However, fixation of MSP was not found to be a feasible proposition as price of Rubber is determined by demand and supply factors, rubber being an industrial raw material. But the Government is considering fixing and notifying the minimum price for Natural Rubber under Section 13 of the Rubber Act, 1947. As regards coconut, the Government fixes MSP for copra every year and the MSP of copra for the current year has already been notified. Fixation of the MSP of coconut has not been found feasible.